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SERIAL NO. 10/661,238

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FOR: ORTHOPEDIC ARM AND SHOULDER
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In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application, issued December 5, 2003, submitted herewith is a declaration, signed by the inventor(s). Therefore, the requirement of the Patent and Trademark Office for a declaration has been met.

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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (*if only one name is listed below*) or an original, first and joint inventor (*if plural names are listed below*) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought in the application entitled:

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Prior Foreign Application(s)			Priority Claimed	
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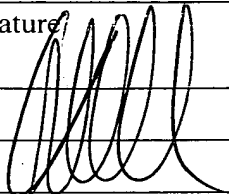
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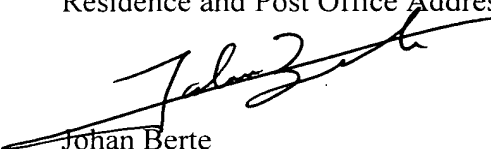
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